NINETY-SEVENTH YEAR.

THURSDAY, MORNING, FEBRUARY 9, 1905.

PRICE STREET, OR COST.

SUMMARY OF

The St. Louis Republic

Thursday, February 9, 1966.

THE WEATHER	
PORECAST. 2. Lods and Vicinity.	6 am21 abore
Clearing and colder to- day and to-night, souther- ly winds, shifting to	921
For Manouri Pair and much colder, with cold white in northwest por- tion to-day; to-morrow fair, cold wave in cast	12 m. –30 "
portion.	3 pm. –31 **
Yesterday's Conditions.	6 ··· -32 ···
foresoon was followed by cloudy weather in the afternoon and evening The thermometer re- mained close to the freez-	931
ing point most of the day, the minimum being registered at 5 m., with the maximum, 72	12pm-31 **
from 4 to 7 p. m. The wood was east, then southeast with a veloci- ty of five to eight miles.	3 am.—39 **

The forecast for St. Louis to-day predicts clear weather, with a fall in temperature this afternoon or to-night. This cold period will not precede any severe weather, however, and wil ist only temporary. The wind will shift to the

Rain or snow may fail in the east portion of Missouri to-day, the atmosphere becoming cold-er during the afternoon and at night Rain or snow is predicted for Illinois to-day The Ohio River is frozen, but ice is running

in the Lower Mississippi. There is no indica tion that the ice will break at St. Louis. A general precipitation of rain, snow or siec' occurred within the last twenty-four hours in all parts of the country except in the lake re gion. North Atlantic States. Southern plateur egion and California

The sun rises this morning at 6.35 and sets The moun sets at 10.25

> The Republic's "Want" Ads Will Be Found on Pages 10 and 11.

FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

I. Watson Case Developments. Comerford Expelled From Legis-Baldy" Ryan Goes Free.

Move to Expel Platt. souri Campaiga Inquiry. Move to Expel Senator T. C. Platt.

A petition is filed with the President protem, of the Senate asking the expulsion of Senator Platt

WAR. A St. Petersburg cable states that the that nearly the whole of Russia is opposed

to the military. LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Wilham Guy Cole, who has made a reputation as a boy prevarientor, showed detectives how an Olive street store was

The divorce case of Doctor William H.

James Richardson, prominent drug man, committed suicide because of finan-PAGE I cial reverses.

An official confirmation of the sale of the United Railways to the North American Company is expected soon, the price sio.coc,000, having been agreed on, it is PAGE 7

John J. Ryan, the turf plunger, is freed on all charges of grand larceny and false pretences by a decision of Judge Foster.

PAGE 1. Police officials and politicians have been suppersed to appear before the Senate committee investigating campaign

contributions to the State committees The Home Protective Federation has reorganized its directory, electing A D Brown as president

PAGE 9 To raise funds for a new building for the St. Louis Woman's Training School stockholders in a company to be formed will be charged \$5 a square foot for the PAGE 6

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

General Nelson A Miles characterizes es puertle and untrue the charges that he attempted to humiliate President Jeff Davis of the Confederacy while he was a risoner at Fortress Monroe PAGE 3 Frank D. Comerford is expelled from the

T. J. Reaves, new State witness in the Watson case at New Lendon, Mo narrates, under oath, thrilling story of necing a man resembling Doctor Watson throw a woman into Salt River from the bridge. He says he was warned not to go spirits him out of town to prevent harm from the Republican members

befalling him PAGET The United States-Santo Domingo protecel is signed at San Demingo PAGE is Senator Dickinson's bill to provide that streemen to bribery transactions shall not he held on their own testimony is sent

PAGE IN

SPORT SEWS

Panny Shea will sign with the chrilinais. for the season of 1906. PAGE . eing was again called off at Hot erine won her race at New Orleans

al boxing clubs will conflict next

BUSINESS

Local discount rates were the and t per cent. Dismestic exchange premium usked Chicago The premium premium asked; (Inchest) the discount noted: Louisville 20c discount bid 16-

#1.395 No. 2 red. Corn closed higher at this asked May: 665c No. 2 mixed. Outs lessed at 100ke asked. He No 1 mixed Spot cotton was unchanged in the local marke

MOVEMENTS OF OCKAN VESSELS. urs. Pob. 1 -Relied: Kron Pring Wil-A. Fob. 7 -Arrived: Pringenin Vic

Horitia Pub &-Arrived: Sicilian Nagica Pub !-Sailed: Prins Adolb Pob 1 - Sailed Knop Prin

POLICE OFFICIALS AND STATE CHAIRMAN CALLED TO TESTIFY

Senate Committee Arrives to Continue Investigation of Contributions to Campaign Funds.

RECALL NIEDRINGHAUS.

\$21,000 Item Will Again Be Tak en Up and Other Large Amounts Gone Into.

JUDGE

hief Kiely, Faulkner, Hawes, part in contests for nominations, Scibert, Combs and Police Commissioner of Kansas City Among Others.

gating Committee arrived from Jefferson City at II o'clock last night to issue subpoenas to-day and prepare for resuming the inquiry into campaign contributions to the State committees, to-morrow morning at the Southern Hotel

Schators McDavid of Greene, McAllister of Monroe and McIndoe of Jasper were the arrivals last night. Dowell of Lewis and Frisby of Harrison are expected this

From the list of subpoenas that are being prepared, it is evident that the committee will have a busy two days. Some notices to witnesses have already been served, and in the coming investigation witnesses will be subpoenaed from as far away as Kansas City

The present intentions are to take up the famous \$21.000 item in the Republican campaign fund where the testimony taken in the previous session here left off, and then investigate all of the larger contributions. Thomas K. Niedringhaus will peace party is growing stronger daily; again be called to the stand, as will probably several of the other witnesses who testified in the former sessions here Chairman McDavid, acting for the Dem-

cratic majority of the committee, bas ubpoensed Walter S. Dickey of Kansas City to appear Friday, as well as John B. Egger, a banker of Appleton City, and PAGE 2 E. B. Allen of Laclede.

Carruthers against Mrs. Florine Carruth; a further list of witnesses would be made ers attracted a crowd in Judge Kinsey's out to-day and then subpoenas would be served as the testimony warranted.

> A complete investigation has been promsed for both the Republican and Demoratic State compaign funds. The Demo cratic fund has not yet been touched upon, but Meindow of Jasper evidently hopes to so into mest of the items, for he has subposmaed a dozen persons already, and s not yet through with his list. The alleged police fund is evidently to

eral connected with the force in significant catacities have been notified that their testimony will be wanted

LIST OF WITNESSES Chief of Police Mathew Kiely, Superin endent of Police Property William R. Faulkner, Harry R. Hawes, former Prestdent of the Police Board; Excise Commisstoner J. M. Seibert, Ford Combs, secretary of the Jefferson Club, Charles Lemp and Tony Steuver are some of those whose names appear in the subpoena list while a Police Commissioner of Kansas City. Henry P. Stewart, is also to appear

before the committee It is not improbable that some members of the St. Louis police force may be called before the committee by the two Repub-Hear members

In the list of Serajor McIndon is also the name of Judge William N Evans. chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and if was stated last night that others connected with the corganization probably will be summened to testify PAGE 1 Among the probable witnesses, as an nounced, is also Augustus Busch

In teference to the probable investigation into the alleged police-election fraud, it was stated last night that the list did not contain such an item but that collections by Chairman Evans amounting to some thing like \$10.00 had attracted suspicion

The committee which brought along the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate had not strended to do any subpoena work to-day but it is possible that the testimony of Charles Lemp will be taken. Mr. Lemp wishes to go South Friday, and as an arcommodation to him the committee will

probably bear his testimony this after The sessions will be ored Three by

TAGE . TO TAKE HOCH TO CHICAGO.

PAGE 8 Officials Arrive and Assume For mai Charge of Prisoner.

New York fich & Johann Harn was mitten were present. erday's bank clearings were \$1.00.114 | formally given force the custody of the | Deputy Sheriff Class served fifteen of Chirago officials to-day, and arrangements were at once completed for the prisoner's damus processions to be argued before the removal to that effe to answer to charges The extradition papers authorising sinch a transfer to a bleam were fecenced from All inv to do

d lower at \$1.35, asked May PHYSICIAN THINKS HOCH USED MOST DEADLY POISON.

Chicago, Feb. 8.-Curare, the most subtie and feadly potent known to modern science is believed by Doctor Riseph ! Springer, formerly Coroner's physician, to have caused the death of Johann Hoch's brought before the committee,

drug was probably administered by means of engagement or welding rings.

By turning the inner some of the ring." said Dector Springer, to-day, "or making it rough or sharp in any manner, applying the curare on the rough edge and then sipping the ring on the finger so as to isfied. I say this after discussing the ause the slightest abrasion of the skin. matter with all members of the commit death would follow

PRAISES WELLS DESPITE DISPUTE

City Register FitzGibbon Forgets Personal Controversy and Pays Tribute.

McLEOD MAYOR.

Seventh Ward Democrats Hold Enthusiastic Meeting, Appealing for Continuation of Present Administration.

GOV. FOLK INDORSES * WELLS'S ADMINISTRATION.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 8.-Gov-· ernor Folk, when asked about the St. Louis mayoralty fight to-night.

• further than to do all that I can • consistently do to have a perfectly fair primary, in order that the result may be a just expression of the peo-· ple's will. Everyone should be as-

"Mr. Wells has made Mayor, and the St. Louis of today in a very different city o charge. His administration bas

thusiastic meeting of the Seventh Ward Tenth and Carroll streets, last night

The session was interesting, in that it showed that all factions of the party aradministration. City Register P. R. Fits-Gibbon, who has been at official logger heads with the head of the administra tion, last right declared that St. Louis

Mayor Wells, in spite of the differences which may have existed heretofore, and those in the crowded hall 'amiliar with the controversy cheered the sentiments of the City Register to the echo.

The meeting was called to begin work for the coming campaign. In the absence of chairman of the ward club, presided.

President Hiram Phillips of the Board of Public Improvements was the first speaker. He briefly outlined the work which had been done by the various branches of the board to give St. Louis good streets, good water, good sewers. good public buildings, municipal plants the best administration the city has had in its history.

Mr. FitzGibbon analyzed the records of each branch of the city government during the present administration, and made comparisons with those of the Republican administration. He asked if the people wished to turn back the hands of proceess on the municipal dial by handing over the city in April to the party that, he said, had losted and disgraced it while in con-

From the interest displayed and the number of voters in attendance good resuits are expected in the Seventh Ward.

NELSON W. McLEOD STRONG IN SUPPORT OF WELLS.

Neison W. McLeod, the well-known lum berman who originated and aided in th conduct of the Folk campaign for Governor, said last night that he was for Wells for Mayor

"When Mr. Wells entered upon his campaign four years ago," said Mr. McLeod last night. The made certain promises Now, as his term of office is drawing to a lose, we have seen that he has fulfilled all of the promises then made-and more. He has given to the city an administration of the first class, and it is to the intorest of all good citizens to prevail upon the Mayor to again accept the nomination He will, in my opinion, be elected by a heavy majority.

CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE **ELECTS TWO NEW MEMBERS.**

W. J. Hertling and Gustas W. Traffert thusen to Fill the Varancies in Twenty-Fifth and Fifth.

At a meeting of the Democratic city Committee at the Jefferson Club last night W. J. Hertling was elected to fill the vacancy in the representation of the Twenty-fifth Ward by the resignation of lames Hagermann Jr., and Gustav Traffert was chosen to fill the vacancy in the Pirth Ward coused by the expedition of Isaac Conran. All but three of the com-

the members with notices of the man-

Court of Article Petruser 2' Chairman Louis Kunz was instructed by the committee to learn from the Board of Election Commissioners the last day on which the names of the judges and clerks may be submitted He was also urged to take measures to instruct voters regarding the one day of registration and the requirements of the law relating to voters who have changed their places of residence since the last election. The mesion was a short one, and noth-

ing in the line of possible candidates was After the meeting last night, Louis Doctor Springer is convinced the fatal Kung chairman of the City Central Committee said that the direct primary, as

it would be carried out, would be entire "Each candidate will receive an even show. A square deal to each man is assured, and every candidate will be satWILL BRING A BRITISH FLEET TO AMERICAN WATERS.



PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG. Nephew of King Edward, who will be in nmand of the British squadron which will make a tour around the world in order to show the strength of the English Navy. Visits to several United

COURT'S DECISION WILL FREE RYAN

Judge Foster Holds That State Failed to Prove Felonious Intent in "Get Quick" Case.

TO INSTRUCT FOR ACQUITTAL.

Demurrer to Indictment That Prosecution Did Not Show Defendant's Connection With Alleged Offense Sustained

John J Ryan will be acquired this morning by the jury selected to try his case, under instructions from Judge Forter, who shortly before 6 o'clock vester day afternoon sustained the demurrer likely

by his counsel to the State's case until 10 o'clock before hearing the arguments of the counsel for State and defens on the demurrer, the case could not be

After hearing Judge Poster's decision or the demorrer, Circuit Attorney Sugar stepped forward and announced to Judge escape punishment for all of his ollered

brought to trial on any of these care-

"It is a civil matter. The Federal Court, on the bridge has passed upon 4t and the cruditure got company, so what criminal action conthey have against me?

pulled down buts of thousance without displaying uny feeling, was evidently lighted to have his troubles in the Criminal Court ended and he left the court with his lawyers Charles T Notand Judge Chester H. Krum and Thomas J. Rowe in the best of spirits.

FILES A DEMURRER After the State's witnesses has been heard Judge Krum filed a demutrer to the State's case on the ground that the prosecution had failed to show Ryan's connection with the alleged offences. He converted any of the money to his own use and that the State had failed to show any felonious intent on the part of the defendant. Judge Poster, in sustaining the motion

the defendant, said that the State had failed to prove felonious intent as charged in the indictment, and practically decided that the case was of a civil rather than a criminal nature. He said there had been an agreement to pay 5 per cent interest on deposits with the company; that the agreement had been kept for some time and then there was failure to do so. He referred to the 15-per-cent division of the rocceds, as made in the United States District Court by Judge Adams, which

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TELLS THRILLING STORY OF HOW HE SAW WOMAN HURLED FROM BRIDGE

T. I. Reaves, New State Witness in Watson Chicago Representative Driv-Case, Declares He Was Warned to Stay Away From New London on Pain of Death if He Did Not Heed.

STATE ATTORNEYS WILL INVESTIGATE REAVES'S RELIABILITY.

DEFENSE DISCREDITS

bad arrived and was actually in

conference with the State Attor-

take his (Reaves's) statements very

of cranks who try to break tate &

important cases that reach newspa-

for Three Hours by Parents.

called an ambulance and she was con

and address on a slip of paper and her

Mr. Stephenson drove immediately to the

hospital and took his daughter home in

carriage. Late last night Mr. Stephenso

said that his daughter was out of danger.

NEW COUNTY COLLECTOR

GIVES BOND FOR \$300,000.

Fred L. herth Qualifier at Clayton

Will Retain His Predecessor's

Deputtes.

Fred L. Kerth, Collector-elect of St

Louis County, yesterday filed his bond

with the County Clerk. He will take

qualified and signed as sureties on the

Instrument are E. W. Warfield, George J.

Autenreith, Dave Schmid, John Heim

burger James Rott, Martin Heintz Gos

Meyer, George W. Wolff, A. J. Jones and

D. C. Thompson and William Seibel

Probably Fatal Injuries.

Policeman William A. Dillon of the

The horse became frightened at a hos

plunged into a deep ditch, throwing Diffon

He sustained numerous scalp would

and is internally injured. He was taken

to his home at No. 205 Fenton street, and

who said the injuries may be fatal. The

horse sustained a broken back and was

EARTHQUAKES VISIT TEXAS

Houses Sway and Window Lights

Crash at Lockhart.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 8. The first seri

ous earthquake in the history of Texas on

corred to-day in the region around Lock-

ause the wooden structures to sway and

The shocks were distinct enough

rock and the window lights to crash

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

is being attended by a family physician,

ear Fyler and Ivanhoe avenues.

to the ground with great force.

The bond is for \$300.00. Those

charge of the office March L

the police to find her.

notoriety. It is a fake story.

· seriously. There are always a lot

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT New London, Mo., Feb. 8.-The arrival to-day of T. J. Reaves of Kansas City,

at the station by the Prosecuting Attorney and driven in a carriage to the Park | and I take it the State, as well as Hotel, where he was closeted with the E************** State attorneys all the morning.

He complain of that he had been warned twice on the train not to come to New London and that after he had arrived he had been told it would be best if he left

After making a remarkable statement to the attorneys, in which he positively declares that he saw a tragedy on the bridge in which a woman was hurled from the buggy into the river, he was hurried to the station, boarded an outgoing train and left New London.

The State attorneys refused to give his destination, but state that he will be ready to appear if they desire his services After making his statement he appeared anxious to leave New London at once The attorneys for Watson gave out statement branding his story as a fake invented to gain newspaper notoriety and

stating that no one will believe it. The attorneys for the prosecution als gave out a statement telling how they came into the information which resulted in Reaves's coming to New London REAVES MAKES A

SENSATIONAL STATEMENT. The following is the sworn statement by which Reaves has startled the whole countryside and surprised even the attorneys for the State:

"My name is T. J. Reaves and I live at No. 1831 Bellevue avenue. Kansas City, Mo., and I unbesitatingly state that I saw man throw the body of a woman from buggy over the railing into Salt River near New London, Mo., on or about July 5, 1904. I cannot swear to the exact date as I made no note of it at the time. "I travel over the country selling elec-

tric belts, etc., to farmers in the country, and on or about July 5, 1904. I was in the speak. At 8 o'clock she wrote her name vicinity of Hannibal, Mc. "Several weeks before I had been in this parents were notified. vicinity, but as roads were bad and there was not much business. I laid up my horse and buggy at Cameron Junction, Mo., and went to my home at Kansas

She had left home early in the afterno City to remain over Sunday with my wife and family. for a shopping tour downtown, he said "Early the next week I returned to and fainted as she was about to cross St. Cameron Junction and, taking my rig Charlest street on her way to catch a from the livery stable, I started to work Park avenue car on Washington avenue through the country, selling electrical supplies at the farmhouses.

"I worked down toward Hannibal and from Hannibal southwest toward New London. About 7 o'clock in the evening, I think, though I am not sure of the exact time, I was on the road leading to New London, some distance from where it crossed Salt River when I met a little looking rubber-tired buggy coming toward me on the road from New London

STOPPED BLGGY

NEAR THE BRIDGE. "In the buggy was seated a man with a black mustache and a lady who looked The couple well-dressed and pretty. seemed to be talking when the buggy dres

near, but stopped as their buggy passed my rig.
"The man needed his head to me and Thiess, John Heintz, John C. Steffen, Wilspoke. The tady did not say anything to me, but she looked, and as far as I can indee now, she appeared to be all right That is, in her appearance she did no When the buggy possed me I thought that deputies under collector Karrenbrock, will the lawy looked pretty, and then did not be retained by Kerth. think of the meeting in the read much

more right then. POLICEMAN SERIOUSLY HURT. "I drove on and finally came to the bridge over Salt River on the way to New London, about twenty-five minutes | Horse Jumps Into Ditch, Causing later. I crossed the bridge On the other side there is a steep hill.

When my horse was pulling up the hill I thought I would get out to attend to Mounted District was probably fatally injured last night while riding his horse something, and pulled the horse to one side, about fifty yards, I guess, up the hill, and got out of the buggy. "I was standing there when I heard the

noise of a horse a boofs on the bridge be- Dillon rode by. Running away, the horse low, as if it was prancing, I looked down and san the buggy I had passed coming

side of the bridge and stop after it drave on against the railing. The man stood up in the busys and grabbed the hals from behind, placing his arms around her unort her arms near the shoulders

TELLS OF STRUGGLE WITH WOMAN IN BEGGY.

"The lady's back was to his and they stood sideways in the buggy facing the railing on the bridge. I heard the lady mean low and long like, like she was in distress and wanted to cry, but couldn't. It was more of a low moon than a cry but I could hear her "The man had one of his feet on the

side of the buggs, like he was trying to

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brace himself, and he could not lift the

A special meeting of the Committee of the Irish Catholic Parade Union will be

en From Floor of the House by a Vote of 121 to 13.

DEBATE IS MOST DRAMATIC.

Legislator Refuses to Allow Postponement of His Trial, and Makes Impassioned

Members of Committee Defend Themselves Against Charges of Unfairness - Deposed Man Declares He Is Not



BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8 - By a vote of Lt to 13 Frank D. Comerford of Chicago, Representative from the Second Sanatorial District, was expelled from the litinots

He was driven from the floor of the House by the cold, clear-cut words of Speaker Shurtleff, after four hours of elequence, recrimination and dramatic epiodes, which terminated a few moments after 6 o'clock. His offense was that he had besmirched the Forty-fourth General Assembly by "unjustified statements against the good name of the General As-

sembly and its members." With the exception of various inaugural festivities never has so distinguished a gathering been assembled in Representatives' Hall as crowded in to witness the first expulsion of a member of the General

Members of the Supreme Court, the Sen ate, practically in a body, and most of the State officers filled the available space. In the galleries was the society of Springfield. Mrs Richard Yates and a party of friends, and Mrs. John R. Tanner. with some of her intimates, had seats on the floor. The sweetheart of Representative Comerford was in the gallery with the brother of the chief actor in the scene below and led the applause at several different climaxes

For thirty hours the investigating Committee was in continuous session at the Statehouse wrestling with the problem When the House met at 19 o'clock they pleaded for more time, and a recess was House was ready for business after dinner the report of the committee was presented by Chairman Beebe. It was brief and to

DIRECT ATTACK ON ASSEMBLY. It held that Comerford's address, as publighed in the newspapers, was a direct at tack against the present General Assentbly, despite the protestations of Come; ford that it was not; that no evidence had been offered supporting any feature of this contention of Comerford, that there was no evidence to support the charge that any member of the General Assembly had offered or received a bribe, that no evidence was conclusive that bribery had been practiced by any member of the General Assembly with respect to the Democratic caucus; that the charges which involved Representative Moran were unfounced; that the reputed conversation between Comerford and Representative

Assembly and its members." Chairman Beebe moved the approval of

floor and offered a resolution, reciting the McKinley resolution, which started the

Comerford was on his feet instantly and Every item of precedure was carefully noticed after by Speaker Shurtleff, and he

Speech.

Through.



Member of the Illinois Legislature from Chicago, who was expelled from that body because of sensational charges of

House of Representatives to-day.

Assembly in the history of the State.

MOLDS COMERFORD'S ADDRESS

Mitcheil was unsubstantiated.

The closing statement was: "Your committee finds that said Frank D. Comerford, in his published statements, has, without justification. smirched the good name of the Ger

report was adopted-167 ayes to no have Representative Cook of Case secured the

investigation, and also the committee report, and wound up with the demand that Representative Comerford be cited to appear before the har of the House at 9 clock Thursday morning and show cause why he should not be expelled. COMERPORD DEMANDS

said that he was ready for trial at once. and offered an amendment that he be heard immediately. This was adopted.

GRAND MARSHAL OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE TO RIDE IN BIG AUTOMOBILE for an instruction to the jury to acquit An innovation has been proposed for St. It will be in keeping with the parochia

Patrick's Day parade in St. Louis this | floats and the rest of the process year. This is to have the grand marshal, expert chauffeur will occupy the front the Reverend Father D. J. Lavery, head seat, but no one else will be in the vethe parade in an automobile, instead of on horseback, as has been the custom here-

It is planned to get a large up-to-date held at the Lindell Hotel Saturday night machine and decorate it with green bunt- to pass finally on this matter, and to aring flags, streamers and flowers, so that range other details relative to the serade.